

It Is Finished

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“May 5 is the 125th day of the calendar year.

[5:00] Five means freedom of movement. We associate the number five with the word “grace”.

The number “125” equals $5 \times 5 \times 5$ which is five cubed. A cube of five is like the Holy of Holies (which is a cube having the dimensions 10 x 10 x 10). It is highly important in symbolism when some number is cubed.

Grace - is God coming to do for us, through us, and in us what we cannot do for, in and through ourselves.

The fifth day of Creation (in Genesis account) demonstrates freedom of movement for the birds of the air and fish in the water which are created on that day.

[6:20] The Seven Words of the Cross. Our Lord, in His day at the Cross, spoke seven times, recorded in Scripture. I suggest that you find them for homework.

Matthew and Mark give us one word of the cross. Luke gives us three words. John gives us three words.

There is a wonderful order in which they are given.

Every time the Lord speaks, we need to stop, look, and listen. His words are not casual. They are “spirit and they are life.” His seven last words begin with prayer calling on the Father and He ends with prayer unto the Father.

At the cross, Jesus is both the offering (sacrifice) and the High Priest offering the sacrifice.

[8:10] No mere human being could fulfill what Jesus fulfilled. The seven last

words are leaves of healing from the tree of life.

[8:30] The tree of life is the cross. The cross, in one sense, was an instrument of cruelty for those who died upon it. The word for the “tree” which is the cross is the Greek word for “log”... A *xulon*. This is the log of life = the tree of life.

It is not a *dendron* which is the Greek word for living tree.
There is a whole world of truth when you study the word *xulon*.
That is the word used for “tree of life” and the cross on which Jesus died.

What man thought was a *disaster*, God intervened to make it *deliverance*.
Rejoice in the wisdom of God which far surpasses the wisdom of man.

John 16:30. “When Jesus, therefore, had received the vinegar,” He said, “ ‘It is finished!’ And he bowed his head and gave up the spirit.” The sixth word of the cross. And it is only found in John’s gospel. The Greek word is *tetelestai*, “It is finished!”

Not a cry of defeat. A cry of triumph. Hades and earth heard it.

The basic word is *teleo* - to complete, to discharge a debt, to make an end, to fill up, to pay, to perform.

When you look at all those words you need some understanding as to what the Lord was saying. What man viewed as a tragedy, the Lord declared to be a triumph.

It is the same word as the word for an animal which was born without any physical defect.

When a herdsman examined an animal and saw the beauty of that animal which was born without any defect, guess what he said. “*Tetelestai*.” This is an animal which is without blemish.

[18:00] All I can tell you about that shout was that it was a shout of triumph. His work of atonement was finished.

What does that remind us of? The Passover lamb was to be a lamb without blemish. There we see the beauty of that word. Of all the human race, there

is really only one who was born sinless. And that is something we need to keep in mind. All of us were born in sin and shaped in iniquity. But that holy one that was born of Mary was called the Son of God. And we believe *firmly* in the virgin birth of our Lord and of His sinlessness as He took on human nature.

It is a word used by an artist when his masterpiece was completed and when he was satisfied with his work and if he had no more corrections to make or improvements as far as he saw it, he would use the word “*tetelestai*”, meaning “It is a masterpiece!”

How many can look at their work and say it is complete. Everything in this world is still so full of imperfection.

[26:50] The Sabbath of Redemption is not the seventh day. The sabbath of redemption is the eighth day which is the morrow after the sabbath.

[Editor’s note: See NT Wright, “How God Became King.” See the chapter titled “The Cross and the Kingdom” in which Wright says that John’s gospel reports the progress of the new creation being wrought out. The seventh day God rested but the eighth day saw the new beginning. (Does Wright say that?)]

[28:23] If any one be in Christ he is a new creation.

#6. There are seven “ends”. Jesus is the end of death. He is the lord of the dead and the living. (Romans 14:9).

[29:40] “End #7”. The Scriptures were fulfilled. Jesus fulfilled all the Scriptures pertaining to Himself and to His redemptive work.

Mt. 26, Mk. 15, Jn. 19, Lk. 22, Jn.18:4.

[30:24] Jesus fulfilled all the Scriptures pertaining to His redemption work with regard to Himself. John 19:28. “That the scripture might be fulfilled” - a phrase which Matthew tells us many times. By the mouth of two or three witness shall everything be established.

“All things were now accomplished [*tetelestai*]”. “That the Scriptures might be fulfilled.” Jesus *knowing* - not guessing. Go through John’s gospel and

note the knowing that Jesus does.

God knows the heart.

“Change and decay in all around I see.
Oh, Thou that changest not, abide with me.”

When a Priest saw a lamb brought to the altar for sacrifice and there was no defect in that lamb, what would he say? “*Tetelestai*.” Jesus is that lamb without blemish and Who’s work on the cross was a masterpiece. And just as in Creation, God rested from His labors and He pronounced, “Very good” on the work of the sixth day.

Jesus *knew*. In John’s gospel, Jesus *knew*. For instance, in John 2, Jesus did not need man to testify of man.

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[33:40] *Tetelestai* means accomplished.

Luke 9:31. On the Mount of Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah spoke there of His decease (exodus) which He should accomplish. And the word for “accomplish” is *tetelestai*.

Only He could do this work.

His suffering in the body came to an end.

Psalm 22 is the crucifixion and resurrection psalm.

[34:50]

He alone trod the wine-press. He faced the wrath of God that we might receive the mercies of God. There is a work that only Jesus could finish as He leaned on the Father for supernatural strength. He was to accomplish it. The Scriptures were to be accomplished.

[35:50] Scriptures are finished. Everything old and new - finished.

Psalm 22. The ‘hind of the morning - Jesus *is* the “hind of the morning” which is mentioned in Psalm 22. [36:20] Though he was pursued by enemies, He overcame His enemies.

“A seed shall serve him in a generation ... That He has done this.”

God is confirming the truth by two or three witnesses.

[36:10] A seed shall serve Him. It shall be accounted ... For a generation that he has done this. (*tetelestai*). [36:50] The people that will be birthed of His incorruptible seed will have a message to give to this generation.

Examples of *telios*:

Matt. 26:58. "He will perform to the day of Jesus Christ." Therefore, He will finish what He has begun but [the question to us is]: Are we making room for Him to work in us. [46:48]

[37:00]

Man can be the beneficiary of so great a salvation.

The Servant work is finished. The end of one work is finished; another is begun. Another work began in heaven. Sitting. He is working through His Spirit. Sitting means the work is finished. There was no sitting for the Levites. The priests ate the supper

[38:40]

John 12:31. Would come to a disastrous end. *When he was on the cross* the prince of this world was cast out.

He left the grave clothes behind as a trophy of His victory over death.

[39:30]

Satan has an end. Mark 3:26. Satan's defeat was seen in Jesus' ascension because Satan could not block Jesus' ascension.

But now Satan is to be ejected because he occupies the envelope of the atmosphere. But he was judged two thousand years ago. Yet Satan's ultimate defeat awaits. See Revelation 12. Wonder, ponder, and pray about this.

After a *long* season Satan will be cast into the Lake of Fire. His doom is certain. His defeat is acknowledged by those who know the Lord. Satan's casting out was in eighth...

[41:25] His power to deceive is being diminished for those who know the truth. ("If you will dwell in My words, you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.")

Heb. 2:14 "... To conquer him who had the power of death.

[42:00] There are stages in Satan's defeat until he is put in [...] the Lake of

Fire.

Salvation is a process. Jesus brought salvation to completion.

First, in stage one, we are saved from the penalty and from the power of sin. [43:10] Second, in stage two, as we depend on the Holy Spirit to fill us that we hate sin and love righteousness.

Third, in stage three, we are freed from the *presence* of sin. No death. No sickness, etc.

Heb. 9:23-28. "He will appear a second time unto salvation."

"Salvation" here in this verse means salvation in its fullness. There will be no more sin nature in you.

[44:27] It is appointed unto men to die and after this the judgment. (Heb.) When the Lord comes the second time He is coming to bring us into *full* salvation. Our salvation so far - we are dealing now with sins plural but His full salvation deals with sin (singular) and does away with it.

[45:10] Full salvation = No more sin nature.

[45:40] Peter had a glimpse of full salvation "ready to be revealed in the last time." (1 Peter 1:5).

There is a salvation of the *entire makeup of man - spirit, soul, and body*. (1 Thes. 5:23).

In Phil. 1:6, Paul says, "He who began a good work in you will *perform* it until the day of Jesus Christ. He, on His part, will perform it - bring it to an end or completion. But are we, for our part, making room for Him to remove all obstacles in the inner man.

[46:00] He will do the work but we have to be co-laborers with Him. We, for our part, work out our salvation with fear and trembling (Phil. 2:12f), and He, for His part, works in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure.

"It is finished." But what about death? The reign of death is over. But why is death still with us? Death is still with us, but for the *inner man* the soul has passed from death to life. The soul goes on to Paradise (Luke 23:43) even though the body has died. John, in the Revelation (Rev. 6:9), saw the souls

that were slain under the altar. The soul that sins shall die, but these, under the altar, were saved.

[48:00] The souls under the altar. Although they are in a place of peace and safety and beauty, yet they are longing and crying out for *full* salvation: their *resurrection* bodies.

Learn to tie all these Scriptures together. Rightly divide the word of truth.

[49:20] The angel of the Lord *removes* the stone. Rolls it *away from* the entrance. But notice: he did not dynamite the stone. And why is the angel sitting on the stone? Why has not the stone been made to disappear? Everything recorded has a meaning. The answer is that death has been conquered but the full victory is not...

[50:20] ... Will only come through the resurrection of the saints. "This mortal will put on immortality." (1 Cor. 15:53). "For this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal put on immortality."

[47:00] So we have God's part and we have man's part.

Hebrews 9:26-28. Put away sin. Once to die. Shall appear the second time without sin.

Question: How is it that death is conquered but death is still with us?

Answer: Death is still with us but as far as the inner man is concerned

Question: What does it mean that He shall appear a second time unto salvation?

[51:00] They are resurrected into immortality and glorification.

In terms of the metaphor of the Body of Christ (the church), the head has been resurrected, and now the body - the Body of Christ - is to be resurrected.

Jesus took the sting out of death. The Christian dies but he dies with a hope of resurrection and immortality. "Asleep" to wake up in Paradise.

[50:55] They will awake with a song in the hearts as they rise from the dead.
“The earth shall cast out the dead and the dust shall sing.

[51:30] Two thousand (2000) cubits distance at Jordan. The ark which is being carried by the priests into the Jordan is Jesus. We trail behind Him until we conquer totally. The people are conquering death two thousand behind the ark.

[52:40] Twelve stones in the river bed. They are removed and placed on the other side of Jordan. Not fifty or five hundred stones, but twelve. This is a mini-picture of the nation of Israel. The twelve stones represent those who reach the number of Benjamin (which is twelve because Benjamin is the twelfth son of Jacob.) “Benjamin” means “Son of the right hand.” Benjamin is the saints who will come out of death.

The Holy City is represented by the west side of Jordan. The twelve stones are those who have entered immortality and are in the heavenly city.

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He is the head of the new creation. He has an immortal body. And we, His body, must come into the same body as Christ.

[54:07] Jesus is the forerunner within the veil. To enter into the veil is to leave the earthly and enter into the heavenly. The veil represents His body. Jesus went into the heavenly holy of holies. The veil was rent in twain. “I have power to lay down my life and to raise it up again.” *In twain was to show that He would have a body for heaven and a body for earth.* He can go into the heaven but He can appear on the earth and look like ordinary man.

[55:20] Sin was finished that we might live in victory. Sin does not have dominion over us.

[55:40] Hate sin and love righteousness and make room for the Lord to work. We work *out* our salvation while He works within us to do God’s plans.